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TAGS: EAIR, NG

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ONA CRASH NIAMEY

PART I. EXPECT ABLE TO COMPLETE FIRST PART OF U.S.

PARTICIPATION BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 16 - VINCENT LAPERA

FAA IFO JFK RELEASED MARCH 14. BATES DOUGLAS RELEASED

MARCH 14. DRS. MCMEEKIN, DIXON AND GRADY DEPARTED

MARCH 14. POST ON CAPTAIN WILLARD DISCLOSED CAUSE OF

BEATH BROKEN NECK - NO PRE-EXISTING DISEASE OR AREAS

OF SUSPICION.

PART II. FDR READOUT COMPLETED PARIS 3/15. PRELIMINARY

INDICATIONS SHOW SPEEDS TO OUTER MARKER NORMAL. SPEEDS

FROM OUTER TO MIDDLE MARKER DROP APPROXIMATELY 25 KNS

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AND DETERIORATE TO APPROX 120 KNS WITH CORRESPONDING

LOSS IN ALTITUDE OF 500 FEET (APROX) DURING A 10 TO

15 SECOND PERIOD. NOSE HIGH ATTITUDE CONFIRMED BY WRECKAGE

EXAMINATION BUT NOT TO EXTEND OF TAIL DRAGGING - UNABLE

TO EXAMINE TAIL SKID BECAUSE OF WRECKAGE LOCATION AND

LIGISTIC RESTRAINTS. CVR TAPE DESTROYED BY HEAT.

PART III. INVESTIGATING COMMISSION CONCERNED OVER ONA CREW FAMILIARITY WITH SEABOARD CONFIGURATION DC-8-63F WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM ONA PARTICULARLY FLIGHT DIRECTOR AND AUTO THROTTLE SYSTEMS. COMMISSION REQUESTS COPY OF NTSB REPORTS COVERING JAPAN AIRLINES DC-8 SFO BAY ?;8\$3,5 PLUS ONE OTHER DC-8 ACCIDENT INVOLVING FLT CREW CONFUSION OVER FLIGHT DIRECTOR CONFIGURATION.

PART IV. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING REQUESTS FOR ONA DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS: FAA APPROVED OPS SPECIFICATION, CREW REST RECORDS IN WRITING, CREW QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN AFRICAN OPERATIONS, ONA COLLINS FLIGHT DIRECTOR MANUAL, CAPTAIN'S SPECIAL IFR MINUMS IF ANY, WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FAA RESTRICTIONS OF AUTO THROTTLE USE TO BELOW 300/3/4 MINUMS IF NOT IN OPS SPECS.

PART V. REQUEST STARY ARRANGEMENTS PER REQUEST REPUBLIC OF NIGER FOR FORMAL DEPOSITIONS OF CO-PILOT WILLIAMS AND LOADMASTER GROBBEL. SUGGEST THIS CAN BE DONE STARTING WEEK OF MARCH 21. POSSIBLE NEED TO DEPOSE ONA DC-8 CHIEF PILOT BURKS AND ONA/ALPA DC-8 CAPTAIN CECOLA BECAUSE APPARENT DISAGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF DC-8 OPERATING PROCEDURES.

PART VI. CONTINGENT SPACE AVAILABILITY NIAMEY AIR AFRIQUE RK-30 ANTICIPATE DEPARTURE NIGER O'BRIEN/KAPUSTIN 1455 LOCAL MARCH 16, 1977. ETA PM MARCH 17. PLEASE ADVISE FAMILIES OF ABOVE PERSONNEL POSSIBLE ETA. TENTATIVE ETA FAA INSPECTOR RAMADGE NY-IFO JFK PM UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCH 17. AFS 50 COPY. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, SUGGEST USE STATE CABLE FACILITIES NTSB KAPUSTIN.

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